

September 20, 2013

Perpich leadership
recognized



Perpich leadership honored with Patriot Awards

Sue Mackert, executive director of the Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Mike Zabel, administrative management director for the center, have received Patriot Awards from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a program of the Department of Defense. They were nominated for the award by Todd Goetze, accounting officer at Perpich, who serves as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve and returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan earlier in 2013.

"We are so proud of Todd and very humbled by this award," said Mackert. Zabel, Goetze's immediate supervisor, said, "I'm very honored that he chose to thank us in this way."

"It means a lot when you're over there to know that you have the support of your family and friends," Goetze said. "And having the messages and care packages from people at work reminded me of how much support I have from Perpich."

According to the ESGR, only 321 Minnesota employers received Patriot Awards in the past year. The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to "publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation's call to serve."

Students honored

National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists announced

Sarah (Juliana) Lillehei, literary arts student, and Olivia Phillips, theater student, have been named semi-finalists for National Merit Scholarships. They will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,000 scholarships worth \$35 million that will be offered in spring 2014. Determination of semi-finalists is based on PSAT scores from this past spring. Congratulations Sarah and Olivia!



Sarah Lillehei



Olivia Phillips

**Thomas Adams****Susan Mau Larson****Christopher Paul**

New appointees join the Perpich board of directors

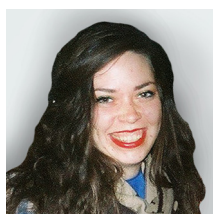
Governor Mark Dayton has announced the selection of three new board members for the Perpich Center for Arts Education and the reappointment of current board member Steve Daly.

The new members are:

Thomas Adams of Osseo, who has been the CEO of African American Family Services since July 2012. He served as acting director of the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools in Atlanta, Ga., from 2005-2012 and was vice president of education at the Summit Academy in Minneapolis from 1999-2003. He has a masters in social work from Augsburg College and an undergraduate degree in sociology from North Dakota State University.

Susan Mau Larson of Oak Park Heights, who has been director of public affairs at LifeSource since 2001. From 1997-2001, she served as public relations director for Parker Hughes Institute of Roseville. Larson's son attended Perpich Arts High School in visual arts. He graduated in June 2013. She has a masters in public affairs and an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota.

Christopher Paul of Eagan, who has been working as an independent attorney since 2009. He has strong interest and talent in music, graduating from St. Olaf with a bachelor's degree in music and religion. He received a JD from the University of St. Thomas.

**Mindy Rinkenberger****Thomas Johnston**

Two new staffers join Perpich

Mindy Rinkenberger, ('06, media arts), is on board in communications to help market and promote school programs at Crosswinds and Perpich. She is the sister of another Perpich alumna, Molly ('13, music). After Perpich, Mindy moved to Boston, Mass., attended The School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University for studio art, graduating in 2011. She continues to work in media arts both personally and professionally.

Thomas Johnston, has been hired to handle payroll and purchasing components for Perpich Center operations. Before coming to Perpich, Thomas was assistant general manager at Champps in Maplewood and a bar manager at the Alley Sports Tavern in Minneapolis. He holds an undergraduate degree in business administration from Metropolitan State University.

Welcome to you both!



Dance program off to a busy start

Mary Harding, head of the dance program, reports that the dance students saw a skating/modern dance fusion performance by Brownbody Production Company and were challenged by a master class presented by alumna Rachel Damon ('99, dance). The students also have attended a dress rehearsal of Ananya Dance Theater, recently featured on Channel 2 TPT's Almanac program tpt.org/video at about minute 32. Alumnus Orlando Hunter ('09, dance) performed in the TPT presentation. Orlando will be teaching/choreographing with the students in October.

The dancers have started working on the chosen topics of body image and bullying and these works in progress will be shown at Bryant Lake Bowl, 810 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, as part of the 9x22 series at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25. This series invites choreographers to present and discuss their work in its early stages. [Tickets](#) are \$6-10.



Perpich goes global during Our Time Sept. 23

Join us to learn about past participants' experiences traveling abroad to Ghana and China last year and to get information about this year's upcoming trips to France, Costa Rica, Ghana and China. The program will take place during Our Time (10:25-11:10 a.m.) on Monday, Sept. 23, in the Performance Hall. Students who traveled to China and Ghana last year will speak and extensive information for students to share with their families will be passed out. The program will provide information on current opportunities and past experiences.

Family Open House

Open House for all families of Perpich Arts High School students is Friday, Sept. 27, 1-3:30 p.m. Please come and join your students, the faculty and staff for a relaxed get-together.

National College Fair

Students and families should mark their calendars for the National College Fair 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The school will provide transportation for students living on campus who want to attend.



Dedication Day is Tuesday, Oct. 1

The annual Perpich Arts High School Dedication Day is at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the Black Box Theater. Casey Martin-Haeg, who graduated in 2002 as a theater student from Perpich, will be the alumna speaker for Dedication Day. She has stage managed for Minnesota Opera and is currently performing with the HUGE Improv group, which will perform for the school after Casey's speech. Leah Larson, Perpich librarian, will be the faculty speaker.

Martin-Haeg's two siblings also are Perpich theater graduates; Angie Martin graduated in 1998 and David Martin was a 2000 grad. Angie is currently doing improv in New York City and David is a surgical resident in Oakland, Calif.



Portfolio Day at Perpich is Oct. 14

A long-standing tradition at Perpich, Portfolio Day, Oct. 14, is bigger and better than ever this year. In addition to bringing in postsecondary schools to speak with visual and media arts students, Perpich is also featuring schools of interest for Perpich students in the performing arts, including Berklee College of Music, Cornish College of the Arts and CalArts.

Portfolio Day gives Perpich students an opportunity to learn more about different arts programs around the U.S., Canada and France, to have their portfolios reviewed and to interact with recruiters. Portfolio Day is presented in cooperation with the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Full details on which schools will be represented, which other Minnesota high schools are attending and the day's schedule are at sites.google.com/site/pcaeportfolioday

A new feature for Portfolio Day will be door prizes that will include free tuition to summer programs at some of the colleges, college application fee waivers, art supplies and museum entrance fee waivers.

Carl Anderson, visual arts instructor and coordinator for Portfolio Day, asks that Perpich faculty, staff and families consider sponsoring a lunch or lunches for the visiting college representatives. Each lunch costs \$10, a cost that the school cannot absorb without support. Sponsorships may be dropped off at the front desk or mailed to the school clearly marked as Portfolio Day sponsorships, attention Karla Donner.



Perpich alumnus makes national news broadcast

Alumnus Ryan Doyle ended up on the Rachel Maddow show on MSNBC when he and friends constructed a giant, fire-breathing dragon to dramatize their opposition to the city of Detroit possibly selling off the holdings in its city art museum due to bankruptcy. The dragon traveled through the city, ending in front of the museum where its breath lit up a sign saying, "Save the Art." nbcnews



Local paper now available free to all Perpich students and staff online

The Perpich Arts Library wants everyone to know that all students, staff and faculty may now access the eEdition of the Star Tribune from their own devices for free. Please follow this link to get to the login screen: e.startribune.com and enter this information to access the paper:

User name = artshigh

Password = newspaper

An alternate link to the sign-in page is startribune.com Librarian Anne Dennison adds that the paper copy is still available in the library for those who prefer their news in analog form.



Giant inflatable thingys

Perpich Arts High School arts/science students spent the morning of Sept. 12 at Crosswinds Arts and Science School in Woodbury on a project to celebrate National Arts in Education Week. Using plastic drop cloths, packing tape, markers and scissors, the arts/science students worked with Crosswinds students in grades six-10 to build “giant inflatable thingys” under the direction of visual arts instructor Pat Benincasa and arts/science instructor Tory Peterson. The project served as a community-building activity between Perpich and Crosswinds students as they both begin the school year in which “energy” is a theme. The plastic thingys brought a playful, but visible focus to the problem with plastic – what to do with it when it’s no longer useful. Arts/science coordinator, Debra Kelley, and Tory challenged the students to think about solutions that might help the Medie community in Ghana, West Africa address this problem. Students from Perpich visited Medie in June as part of Perpich’s global initiatives.

Results of the library’s first-of-the-year “Would You Rather” polls

When given the choice between two different Minnesota State Fair foods, students, faculty and staff chose candied bacon cannoli over fried pickles ‘n’ chocolate by 56% to 44%. The outcome initially was deemed uncertain due to the high number of vegetarians in the Perpich community who might have skewed the vote.

The choice on Sept. 6 was between “always take a cold shower” or “always sleep an hour less than you need to feel fully rested.” Cold showers won 67% of the vote. Dorm residents and parents should be prepared to hear many morning shrieks, apparently.

Stop by the library every Friday to vote in the “Would You Rather” poll.

The Pit is renamed and will feature Perpich faculty and staff show in October

The small open gallery space outside the Perpich Arts Library, always known as “The Pit” has been renamed the Laboratory Fine Arts Gallery, and will be the site of a faculty and staff exhibition opening at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, with a brief reception. The show will be up through Oct. 31. In future months the visual arts faculty hope to host more special shows featuring local artists, alumni and student-curated exhibitions.



Latest cyber security tips from the Information Sharing and Analysis Center

Java is a computer language that allows programmers and application developers to write software that can run on many different operating systems. Java has been prone to numerous reports of vulnerabilities. According to the SecureList IT Threat Evolution Report released by Kaspersky Lab in May 2013, "The most widespread vulnerabilities are found in Java and [the vulnerabilities] were detected on 45% of all computers."

MN.IT staff (the state's information technology professionals) handle state owned equipment configurations, but to mitigate potential hacks through Java on your personal machines:

- Visit: java.com/_update for instructions on turning on the auto-update feature.
- Visit: java.com/_security for instructions on setting the Java security level.
- Remove older, unneeded Java versions. If a certain version of Java is needed, determine what Java release level is needed and remove all versions prior to that. For more information visit: java.com/remove_olderversions



Perpich students hired to scare your pants off!!

Twenty-four current Perpich students and several Perpich alumni are working as ghouls, zombies and ghosts for the Valley Scare Halloween Haunt that begins on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Valley Fair. Scott Biggar, dorm supervisor, reports that the students "are very excited! The interviewers were very impressed with our students, as they always are, and look forward to their participation."

Perpich will provide carpooling coordination to make sure all the students involved have safe transportation to and from the attraction.

Speaking of spooky, new Bat Cave hours

New Bat Cave hours began on Monday, Sept. 16. Items in the Bat Cave will be available for check out to students from 2-3 p.m. only (except for prior arrangements with instructors).

Items may be returned to the Bat Cave at any time, provided they are given directly to Anne Denison or Leah Larson in the library.

Flu season shots, spray and Tdap available for all Perpich faculty and staff

Flu vaccinations, nasal spray and Tdap will be available at the Visitors' Center on Monday, Oct. 7, 9:30-11 a.m. To receive the shot at no cost, employees must bring their Minnesota Advantage Health Plan member ID card. Without the ID card, the cost is \$30 for vaccine or spray and \$55 for Tdap, cash/exact change only.



Tweeting for food

You can follow news and announcements from the Perpich cafeteria on twitter.com/Perpich_Cafe. Menus and other news are tweeted every day with a sense of humor and suggestions for making the most of each meal.

Information sessions coming soon for prospective students

Perpich Arts High School will host three information sessions for prospective students and their families. Please share these dates with anyone who might be interested in joining the Perpich community for 2014-15.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 1-3 p.m.

Calendar

Dates

Sept 21	ACT Test
Sept 24	National College Fair
Sept 25	Dance Performance
Sept 27	Parent Open House 1-3 p.m.
Sept 30	No School Professional Development
Oct 1	Dedication Day
Oct 5	SAT Test

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